THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The Delhi University Teachers' Association (DUTA), some time back, had given a call for boycott of the examinations of the University of Delhi to press their demand regarding revision of pay scales of university and college teachers. The Government announced certain pay-structure against which DUTA and other teachers' associations have filed their representations. The DUTA, in the meantime, has suspended their examination and other duties boycott. The Government is now reconsidering the announced pay-structure in the light of certain directions given by the Delhi High Court.

Balika Samriddhi Yojana

379. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Balika Samriddhi Yojana has been finalised and if so, its main features;

(b) whether the amount of Rs. 500/- per female child will be paid to parents and if so, whether this is to be paid in cash or kind and if the latter, in what kind; and

(c) whether the amount will be deposited in a bank in the name of the girl child and paid to her with interest on her coming up of age?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) As presently approved, under the scheme of Balika Samriddhi Yojana, an mount of Rs. 500/- is paid, in cash or in kind, to the mothers of girl children born on or after 15.8.97, in families below the poverty line. The decision regarding mode of payment has been left to the States/Union Territories.

(c) No, Sir.

यू.पी.सी. द्वारा महाविद्यालयों का पंजीकरण

380. **श्री शिव चरण सिंह** : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) यूनिवर्सिटी ग्रांटर कमीशन (यू.जी.सी.), बहादुरशाह जफर मार्ग, नई दिल्ली को चालू वर्ष के दौरान भोपाल, मध्य प्रदेश के महाविद्यालयों के प्राचार्यों से पंजीकरण हेतु कितने आवेदन प्राप्त हुए है;

(ख) तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इनमें से कितने महाविद्यालयों को पंजीकृत कर दिया गया है तथा शेष को कब तक पंजीकृत किए जाने की संभावना है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (डा.मुरली मनोहर जोशी) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Ban on Private Tuition by College and University Teachers

381. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States where there is a ban on private tuition by college and university teachers;

(b) the date since when such a ban is in force in these States, alongwith the details of the provisions made to exempt from such a ban;

(c) the State-wise number cf teachers who have been found guilty of violating such a ban alongwith the details of the action taken against them; and

(d) the details of the provisions made to enforce such a ban strictly?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

SC/ST girls not attending schools in Gujarat

382. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to find out the exact number of girls who cannot attend formal schools particularly those belonging to SCs/STs and other disadvantaged groups in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) steps being taken by Central and State Governments to make such girls of the State literate within a specified timeframe?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Any survey to find out exact number of girls who cannot attend formal education has not been conducted by the Government, in Gujarat. However, many steps for girls, particularly those belonging to the SCs/STs and other disadvantaged groups are being taken up by the Central and the State Governments.

— In order to enhance the access to primary education the norms for opening of primary schools, which is generally one kilometre walking distance from habitations of 300 population, has been relaxed in the case of SC/ST habitations in whose case the norm is to have a primary schools within one kilometre walking distance from habitation of 200 population.

— Priority to SC/ST concentration areas while implementing the scheme of Operation Blackboard.

— Opening Ashram Schools and educational complexes in low literacy pockets for development of female literacy in tribal areas.

— Provision of incentives such as scholarships, textbooks, mid-day meals and hostel facilities.

— Reservation of seats in Kendriya Vidyalayas and Novadaya Vidyalayas.

— Priority to SC/ST dominated habitations in opening of NFE and Adult Education Centres.

— The District Primary Education Programme (EPEP) has been launched in Dang, Panchmahal and Banaskantha district of Gujarat which are predominantly tribal districts.

— Preparation of primers in ST dialects.

— Free Girls' Education in all primary schools run by local authorities.

— Financial Assistance Scholarship to ST girls @ Rs. 100/- per year. Scholarship to most' backward SC girls @ Rs. 500/- per annum (Class 1 — VII) and Rs. 240/- per annum (Class VIII to X).

Drop out of Tribal Students

383. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI. Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing drop out of tribal students from schools in different States, particularly the girls;

(b) if so, the State-wise position during last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to stop drop out of tribal students from schools?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Separate statistics in regard to drop out of tribal students from schools in different States for the last three years are not available.

(c) Several measures have been taken by the Central and State Governments to contain drop out of the tribal students. These include relaxation of norms for opening primary schools in tribal areas, establishment of Ashram schools for residential schooling of tribal children, providing alternative schooling through the non-formal stream, support to NGOs, teaching in local dialects, developing culturally sensitive educational material and teacher training.

Molestation incidents in JNU

384. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of molestation of students that occurred in Jawaharlal Nehru University in September-October, 1997;

(b) whether the root cause of such audacious and obscene acts of the students in this highly prestigious temple of learning is due to the flawed attitude of the University authorities;

(c) if so, the remedial steps taken in this regard; and

(d) what exemplary punishment has been awarded to the unruly elements responsible for such shameful acts?